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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

April 17, 2012

Ms. Patricia Baptiste
Chair
Chevy Chase Village
5906 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase MD 20815

Dear Ms. Baptiste:

Thank you for your letter regarding pedestrian safety at the MD 185 (Connecticut Avenue) and Lennox Street intersection in Montgomery County. Safety is the top priority of the State Highway Administration (SHA), and I appreciate the opportunity to be of assistance to you regarding this matter.

Over the past few years, SHA has emphasized the importance of developing and implementing strategies to enhance pedestrian safety and access across the roadway network. Efforts include upgrading and installing sidewalks for enhanced pedestrian connectivity, revising traffic signal timings to provide more time for pedestrians to cross, upgrading pedestrian signals to Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS), as well as the coordination of education and enforcement.

In light of the concerns raised by Director of Municipal Operations Michael Younes, engineers from SHA's District Three Traffic office are currently collecting data and developing possible countermeasures to enhance pedestrian safety in the corridor. We will consider countermeasures that include a pedestrian activated signal, adjustments to traffic signal timing in the corridor, improved signage, and enforcement strategies. We will work closely with our partners to ensure that any solution encompasses not only engineering, but also education and enforcement. The traffic engineering study is scheduled to be complete in April, at which time we will contact you to schedule a meeting regarding this issue with key stakeholders.

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Thank you again for your letter and interest in this very important issue. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Brian W. Young, District Engineer, SHA at 301-513-7311, toll-free 1-800-749-0737 or via email at byoung@sha.state.md.us. He will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Melinda B. Peters
Administrator

cc: Mr. Michael W. Younes, Director of Municipal Operations, Chevy Chase Village
Mr. Brian W. Young, District Engineer, SHA